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EXDIS, LUSAKA-FOR AMBASSADOR ONLY, LONDON-FOR CHARGE ONLY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PSDC, PFOR

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT KAUNDA

1. SECRETARY VANCE WOULD LIKE YOU TO DELIVER A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM HIM TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA SOMETIME BEFORE THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE OF YOUR APPOINTMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT AT NOON SATURDAY WASHINGTON TIME.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE:

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

"PRESIDENT CARTER AND I HAVE JUST DECIDED THAT AMBASSADOR STEPHEN LOW BE NAMED TO A HIGH POSITION IN THE STATE

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DEPARTMENT'S BUREAU OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS, A POST THAT HE WILL BE ASSUMING LATER THIS SUMMER. WE HAVE ALSO DECIDED THAT HE SHOULD BE THE SENIOR OFFICIAL WHO WILL WORK WITH THE HEAD OF THE BRITISH CONSULTATIVE GROUP. WE ARE MINDFUL OF THE NEED TO REPLACE AMBASSADOR LOW IN LUSAKA WITH A HIGHLY QUALIFIED PERSON WHO ENJOYS OUR FULL CONFIDENCE, AS HE DOES. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL IDENTIFY SUCH

A PERSON SOON AND SUBMIT HIS NAME FOR AGREEMENT THROUGH
DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. I AM VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE BENEFIT
THAT I WILL BE GAINING FROM HAVING AMBASSADOR LOW BACK

WITH ME IN WASHINGTON, WHERE HE WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY A
KEY ROLE IN DETERMINING OUR AFRICAN POLICIES. HIS
RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU, AND KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR VIEWS, WILL
BE ESPECIALLY HELPFUL.

"WITH BEST WISHES,

"SINCERELY,
CYRUS R. VANCE"

END MESSAGE. CHRISTOPHER

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